

LOWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2022 held at Lowick Community Hall.

Present Cllr Edmondson, Cllr L Ingham, Cllr Roblin, Cllr G Sanderson and Cllr J Townsend

018/22 Apologies

There were no apologies

019/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 January 2022 be signed by the chair as a true record.

020/22 Declaration of Interests

Resolved to accept there are no declarations of interests.

021/22 Public Participation

a) County Cllr was in attendance and reported that Highways have some really bad issues to sort out and are trying to catch up. Work has now started on the Common Road. Highways came out immediately following some bad publicity for them in the local news. There is still work to be done and he will keep pushing for it to be resurfaced.

The highways team are aware of the sat nav sign which needs moving.

The proposed speed limit changes on the A5092/A595 will be coming to local committee next week. Further reductions will not be included as faster speeds are needed to get past the wagons etc plus if too many changes are requested you may have to start from scratch.

A grant of £15000 has been granted to the friends of the x112 bus and they are in the process of applying for further funding so the service should be sustainable for next 12 months.

He is optimistic that the voucher scheme for B4RN could reopen. Very close to a scheme which will include Lowick. Hopefully get out and about to events this summer to promote this.

He advised that all concerns regarding phone signals are being reported to Simon Fell MP. He has asked Simon to make enquiries to find out what all the problems are and how they are going to be dealt with.

b) District Cllr was not in attendance and had sent his apologies

BROUGHTON AND CONISTON . DISTRICT COUNCILLORS UPDATE MAY ELECTIONS

There will be Councillor elections in May for the new Westmorland and Furness Council. It will be a Shadow Council, running in parallel with SLDC and Cumbria County Council until April 2023, when it takes over. Broughton and Coniston ward will be split into two. Broughton, Kirkby, and ENMO and Pennington Parishes will become High Furness and the remainder will become Coniston and Hawkshead ward. There will be just one Councillor per ward. **OMICRON**

BUSINESS SUPPORT Grants are still available for business, particularly those in hospitality and retail that have been affected by the Omicron variant outbreak. Go to the link to apply

<https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-support-grants> coronavirus-

covid-19/ **SEWAGE DISCHARGES** We are currently investigating discharges into Coniston Water last year from the Waste Water Treatment plant last year and are currently discussing this with United Utilities. **EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE** We have had several meetings various agencies and it is clear that the gap between District and County level and what

happened in each area was too great. The response in each areas varied greatly and we established that we need to create small resilience groups, coordinated between parishes, with central emergency hubs. So, we are looking at having public meetings around the area in order to discuss the best way ahead. **ILLEGAL OFFROADING** On March 6th, we held a joint Police operation to deter and educate motorists from illegal off-roading. PCSO Paul Harris led the operation and there were representatives from SLDC, Park Rangers, the Trail Riders Federation, the Green Lanes Alliance, local Councillors and residents. The area covered, Burney End, Gawthwaite, Coniston Fells and the Rusland and Crake Valleys. The operation was extremely well coordinated and it was great seeing so many different groups working together in the local Community. We will be looking at similar operations over the coming tourist season, including road safety and speeding. **VISITOR MANAGEMENT** The first few months of this year have been extremely busy and the Tactical Visitor Management Group is beginning to put plans in action, in coordination with Safer Lakes. Unfortunately, the 56 day rule for pop up camping and car parking has not been extended this year, but the 28 day rule still applies. So the Park will be helping to develop these facilities to cope with the extra demand at peak times. **MIKE McKINLEY, LDNPA CHAIRMAN** Mike had been the Chair of the National Park for the past 7 years and unfortunately passed away in early March after a short illness. He led the Park through many difficult and challenging times and with passionate, professionalism and humour. He will be missed and I feel proud to have worked and learnt from him. **BROUGHTON AND CONISTON . DISTRICT COUNCILLORS UPDATE** Contact us on 077784 30926, if you have any queries/concerns or would like any more information.

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Stay Safe, Keep Healthy Ian, Heather and Trac

- c) Residents were in attendance were in attendance. They were interested in the Community Resilience Plan and volunteered to help with it.

022/22 Road Safety

- a) Cllr Ingham advised that there is now a joint working group with Blawith and Subberthwaite Parish Council and also advise that there had been an initial meeting with CCC via Teams. CCC have advised that Planters will not be allowed on highway land in case anyone runs into them.
- b) Resolved to accept the Terms of Reference for the working group.

023/22 Community Resilience plan

There was a discussion around having a community resilience plan and the need to link in with other services and the district Cllrs. Need to know who vulnerable people are in the parish. Need a group of people to form a working group. Templates are available to use.

Resolved to advertise on the website, notice board etc to generate some interest from the public to set up a working group.

024/22 Queens Jubilee

There was a discussion about the Queens Jubilee which included planting a tree and lighting a beacon. Hopefully there will be more information for the next meeting but in the meantime the clerk will register the tree and beacon.

025/22 Greening

Cllr Sanderson advised that the chair from Blawith and Subberthwaite parish council had been in touch to say she will be in touch with him again regarding Greening. There was a suggestion that perhaps if planters could not go on highway land then perhaps we can work with landowners and have planters on private land.

026/22 Website Domain name and Office Package

Cllr Roblin advised of the various different options regarding the domain name including owning a .gov.uk domain name and also the different registrars available. Office 365 was not discussed. **Resolved** to keep the domain name we have but transfer it from the current owner to the name of Lowick Parish Council. Resolved to keep the hosting with wordpress at a cost of £36 per year but changed the registrar from 123 to Cloud Next.

027/22 Progress Updates

- a) Lowick Community Hall – no update this month.
- b) Lowick Green Management Committee – no update this month.

028/22 Planning Applications

Reference Number: 5/22/9001 (Cumbria County Council)
7/2022/5124 (LDNPA)

Proposal: A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme. Comprising the construction of a new 1.4km two-way, single carriageway replacement section of A595 incorporating a new A595/A5092 junction with bridge widening works; new or modified road junctions/access arrangements and agricultural access tracks; a new overbridge; shared use (cycleway/footway) paths; an underpass; plus additional modifications to the existing highway network; creation of drainage infrastructure (including drainage basins); landscaping (including habitat mitigation works) and associated engineering and ancillary operations. Location: Land between the villages of Grizebeck and Chapels

029/22 Clerk’s Salary

Resolved to increase the clerk’s salary in line with the new NJC applicable for April 1st 2021.

030/22 Finance and Clerk’s report

To authorise the following

Salary	£203.00 (net)
Clerk expenses 2021/22	£66.48
Village Hall	£91.00
HMRC	£70.80

031/22 Date of next meeting

To note the date of the next ordinary meeting will be Thursday 19 May 2022 at 7.30pm 21 April 2022 is penciled in provisionally should any planning applications need to be discussed.